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JUSTICE KILBRIDE TO ADMINISTER OATH TO NEW ATTORNEYS

Illinois Supreme Court Justice Thomas L. Kilbride will administer the attorney's oath to 15 new lawyers who will be admitted to practice in Illinois on Thursday, May 6.

The group is among 691 men and women who were certified as candidates and will be sworn in as Illinois attorneys at ceremonies in the state's five Supreme Court judicial districts.

The Ottawa program in the Third Judicial District will begin at 11 a.m. in the Appellate Court Building, located at 1004 Columbus Street.

Justice Kilbride will preside over the ceremony and welcome the members of the class, their families and friends.

Members of the Third Judicial District Appellate Court who will be in attendance include: Presiding Justice William E. Holdridge; Justices Robert L. Carter, Daniel L. Schmidt, Vicki R. Wright, Tom M. Lytton and Mary K. O'Brien.

Mark Hassakis, president-elect of the Illinois State Bar Association, will be the speaker for the ceremony. He is a partner with the firm of Hassakis & Hassakis in Mt. Vernon.

Attorney Timothy Howard will make the motion to admit the class. Mr. Howard is a partner with the firm of Howard & Howard in Peoria.

Daniel P. Cusack will second the motion to admit the class. Mr. Cusack is a partner with the firm of Cusack Fleming Gilfillan in Peoria.

Rock Island attorney David W. Andich, representative of the Illinois Board of Admissions to the Bar, will also participate in the admission ceremony.

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A reception will follow.

All of the candidates have passed the Illinois State Bar Examination, a required ethics examination and were certified by the Committee on Character and Fitness.

The new attorneys will bring the total number of licensed attorneys in Illinois to nearly 88,000.

Media coverage is invited.

The Third Judicial District is comprised of these counties: Will, Iroquois, Kankakee, Grundy, LaSalle, Marshall, Putnam, Bureau, Whiteside, Henry, Stark, Peoria, Fulton, Knox, Whiteside, Rock Island, Mercer, Warren, Henderson, Hancock and McDonough.

Ceremonies in the other districts will be held in Chicago, Collinsville, Springfield and Elgin.

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